

# **"Bull Session"**

**News and Comments for the El Toro Class**

**July 2009 #299**

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## **Lake Merritt report** **Mayor's Cup Independence Day Regatta**

Doyle Buddington, Commodore

Cloudy and cool at the start, clearing and warmer in the afternoon. Winds moderate, mostly northwesterly. Vickie Gilmour, Peggy Darnall, and Charles Barthrop handled the offshore starts and finishes. Commodore Buddington, the Kearneys, and Duncan Carter did the onshore chores.

The fleet included 14 El Toro seniors, 4 El Toro Juniors. In El Toro seniors, Fred Paxton was first, followed by Paul Tara, Gordie Nash (last year's winner), and Patrick Tara (last year's Junior winner). In El Toro juniors, Haydon Stapleton was first, followed by Michael Pacholski.

### Complete Results

#### El Toro Senior

Sail No.	Skipper	Race I	Race II	Race III	Points	Place
10406	Jim Wondolleck	4	5	dnf	24.00	8t
11353	John Marlett	13	14	9	12.00	13
11401	Pete Blasberg	14	13	dnf	6.00	14
11458	Art Lewis	5	3	dnf	25.00	6t
11500	Gordie Nash	3	6	2	37.00	3 *
11649	Fred Paxton	2	2	3	41.00	1
11666	John Amen	12	4	6	26.00	5
11745	Walt Andrews	6	11	dnf	16.00	12
11746	Bruce Bradfute	10	8	8	22.00	10
11783	Art Lange	9	7	7	25.00	6t
11787	Patrick Tara	7	1	5	35.25	4
11815	John Pacholski	11	10	10	17.00	11
11821	Dan Cook	8	12	4	24.00	8t
11827	Paul Tara	1	9	1	37.50	2 *

\* Second and Third places corrected after review.

#### El Toro Junior

10945	David Yang-Murray	4	4	4	6.00	4
11416	Haydon Stapleton	1	1	3	13.50	1
11711	MacKenzie Cook	3	3	1	11.25	3
11820	Michael Pacholski	2	2	2	12.00	2

LMSC retired its ancient committee boat and obtained the use of a creampuff Boston Whaler instead.

## **Special Award for Sailor emeritus Duncan Carter**

At the skippers' meeting, John Amen of Amen Sails presented Duncan Carter with a brand new **blue** sail for his home made woody El Toro 3899. What a gift! This culminated a years-long campaign to replace Duncan's embarrassing, ancient **blue** sail he used in most of the Bullship races since 1977. Duncan thanks John and the many others who took part in the campaign.

John,

Thank you again for the gorgeous new blue sail! I gather from the crowd reaction that most of the skippers were in on the secret. Great choice of an occasion for the ceremony, with several of the skippers there who have been razzing me for years about my 1977 blue sail.

Without that old sail for an excuse, my lousy finishing positions will have to be laid to (1) overweight boat, (2) overweight skipper, and (3) limited sailing skills, possibly not in that order.

It will be fun to show up at the 2010 Bullship with a new, elegant, and powerful blue sail! And your logo on the sail will let everyone know what good friends I have.

Duncan Carter

Donors:

Fred Paxton  
Greg Morrill  
Gordie Nash  
John Dukat  
Vickie Gilmour  
Toni Richardson  
Art Lewis  
John Amen

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## **[EL Toro National Championship Series and Lake Tahoe Yacht Club Race Week '09](#)**

### **[August 3-4-5-6](#)**

A true Race Week on Lake Tahoe for class racing sailboats. There may be tourists but no to many power boats. Light to moderate winds and a great place for a family vacation. Hotels, cabins and camping facilities are available very close to the Tahoe Yacht Club on Lake Tahoe's North Shore, Tahoe City. To provide good racing with a separate starting line and finish line. We are hoping to have about 50 to 75 boats. There is an invasive species inspection required but there is no fee for non-motorized boat just a quick inspection. Sign up soon so we can find out how many to expect in each class.

Entries need to be mailed and in their hands by **July 27, 2009**

Entry forms are available to down-load,,,gcnjr@earthlink.net,,,

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Please pass this info along to any possible participants, we hope to see you all at Lake Tahoe in August!

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### **2009 Calendar**

**Fremont                      July 26                      Summer 789**

Nationals                      August 3---6    Lake Tahoe

Worlds                      August 15-16    Pinecrest

Fremont                      August 23                      Fall 123

Fremont                      September 13                      Fall 456

Fremont                      September 27    Fall 789

Total-Dinghy                      September 19-20    RYC

Moss Landing

Stampede                      October 4                      RYC

Cork Screw                      October 17                      Redwood City

RYC Midwinter's                      December 6                      Richmond First of '09